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**Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine
Related Deaths in
Cuyahoga County**

2023 March UPDATE DRAFT

March 7, 2023

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in March– at least **50** (13 cases pending testing)

32 - City of Cleveland Residents

13 - Suburban Residents- Brooklyn, Cleveland Hts., Euclid (3), Lakewood (2), Maple Hts.(2), North Royalton, Parma (3), and

4- Out of County –Akron (Summit Co), Warren (Trumbull Co), Miami (FL) and Atlantida (URU) and

1 unknown

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 25 - 69

36 Male victims; 13 Female victims; 1 unidentified

19 African American victims; 31 Caucasian victims (6 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **130** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through March 2023. 2023 total is at least **167** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 cases in 2017; 24 cases in 2018; 220 in 2019; 63 confirmed in 2020; 6 confirmed in 2021; 1 confirmed in 2022

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 38% of all victims in March 2023 and over 40% for the year. As many as 47 cocaine related deaths occurred in March 2023 with as many as 33 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

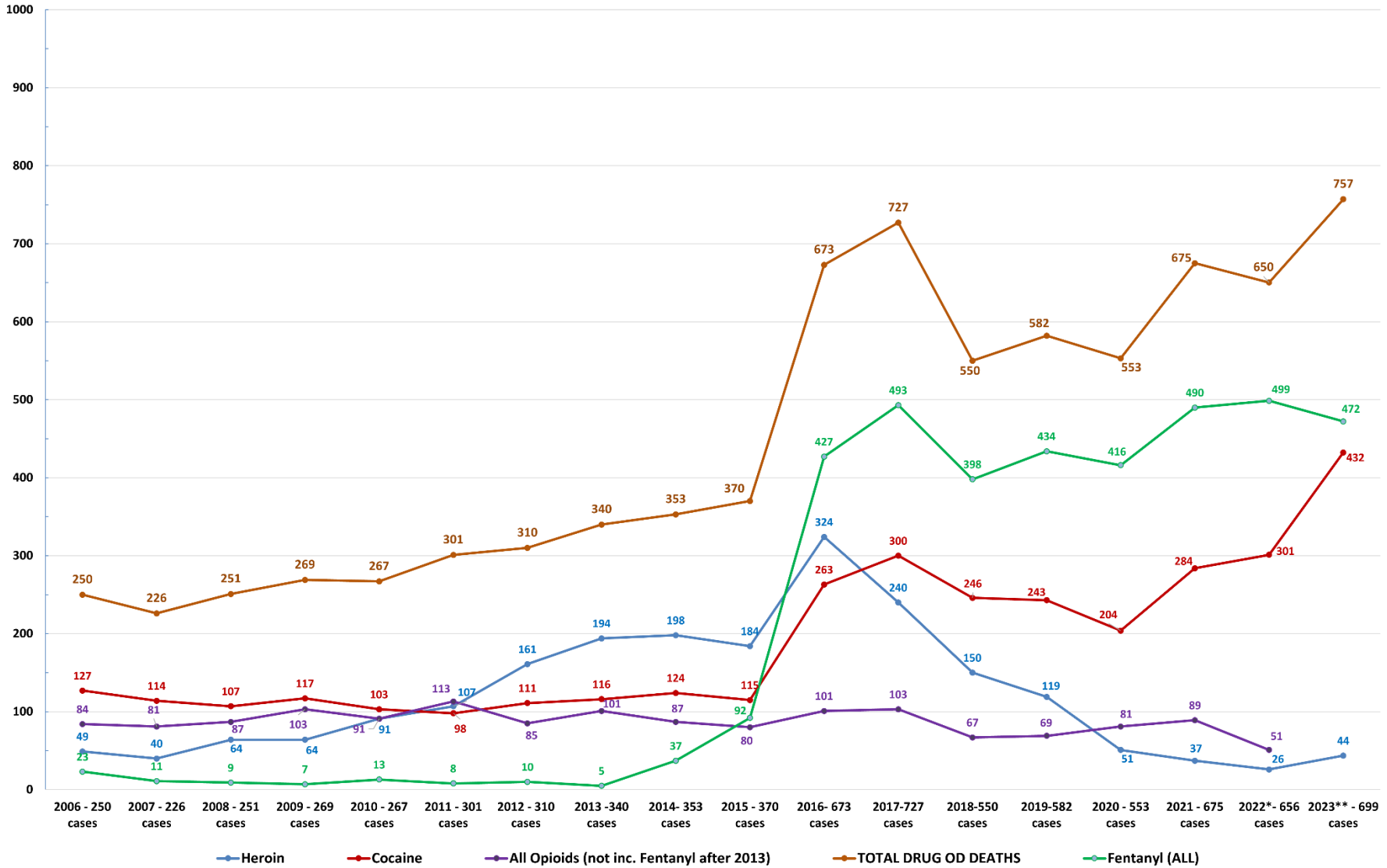
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023*

Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through April 3, 2023)

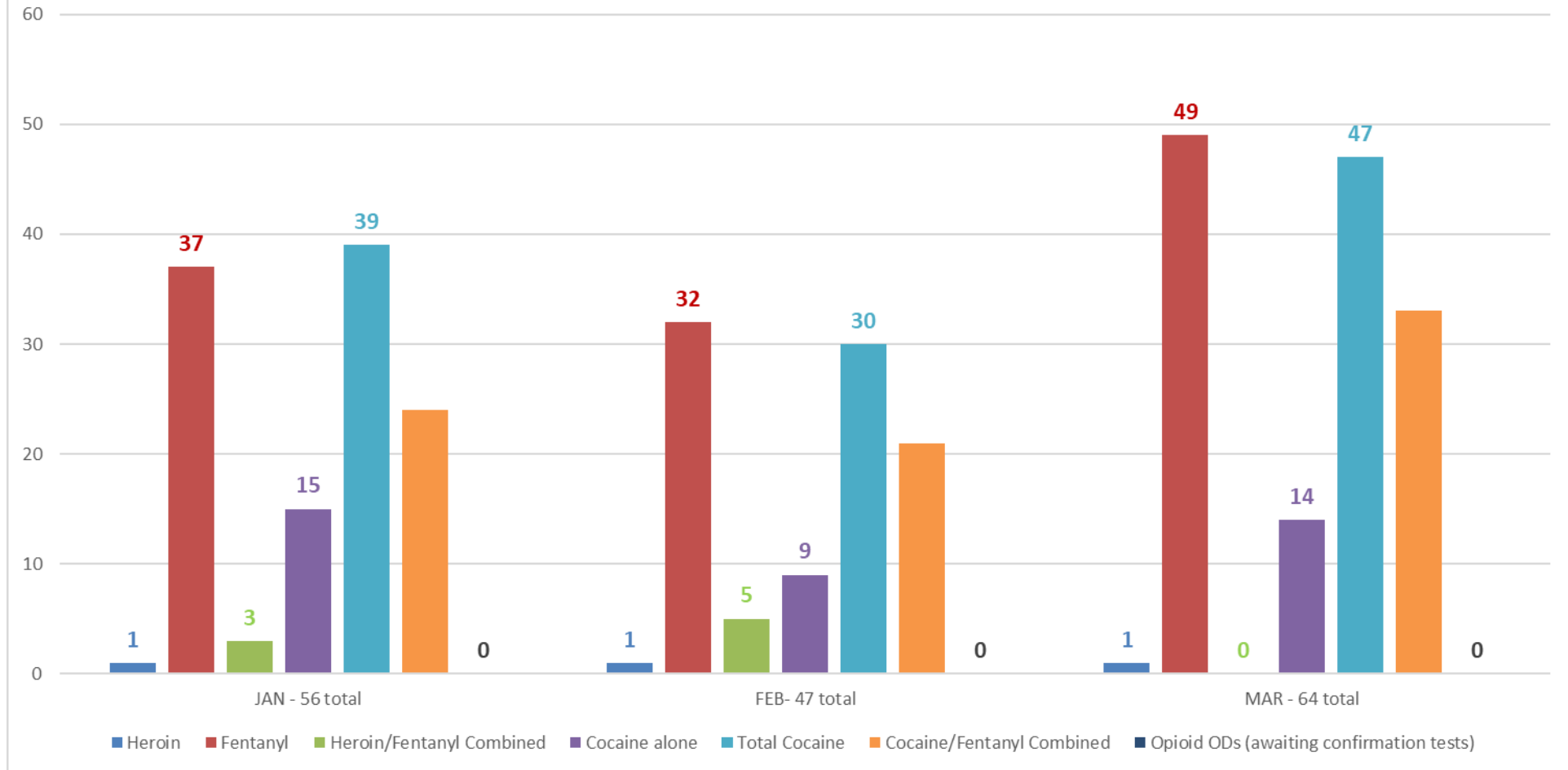


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2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru March 31, 2023)

Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)

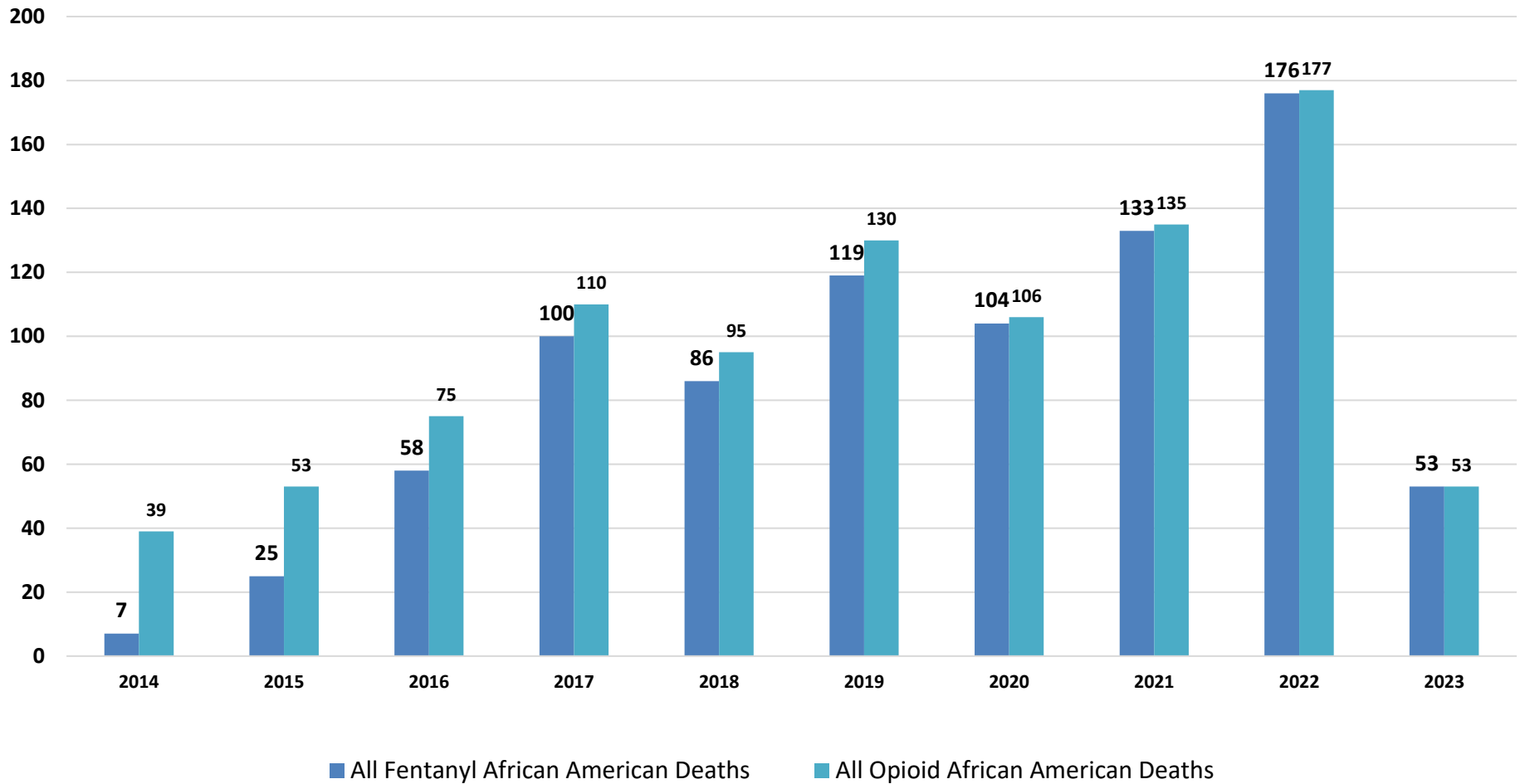


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023*

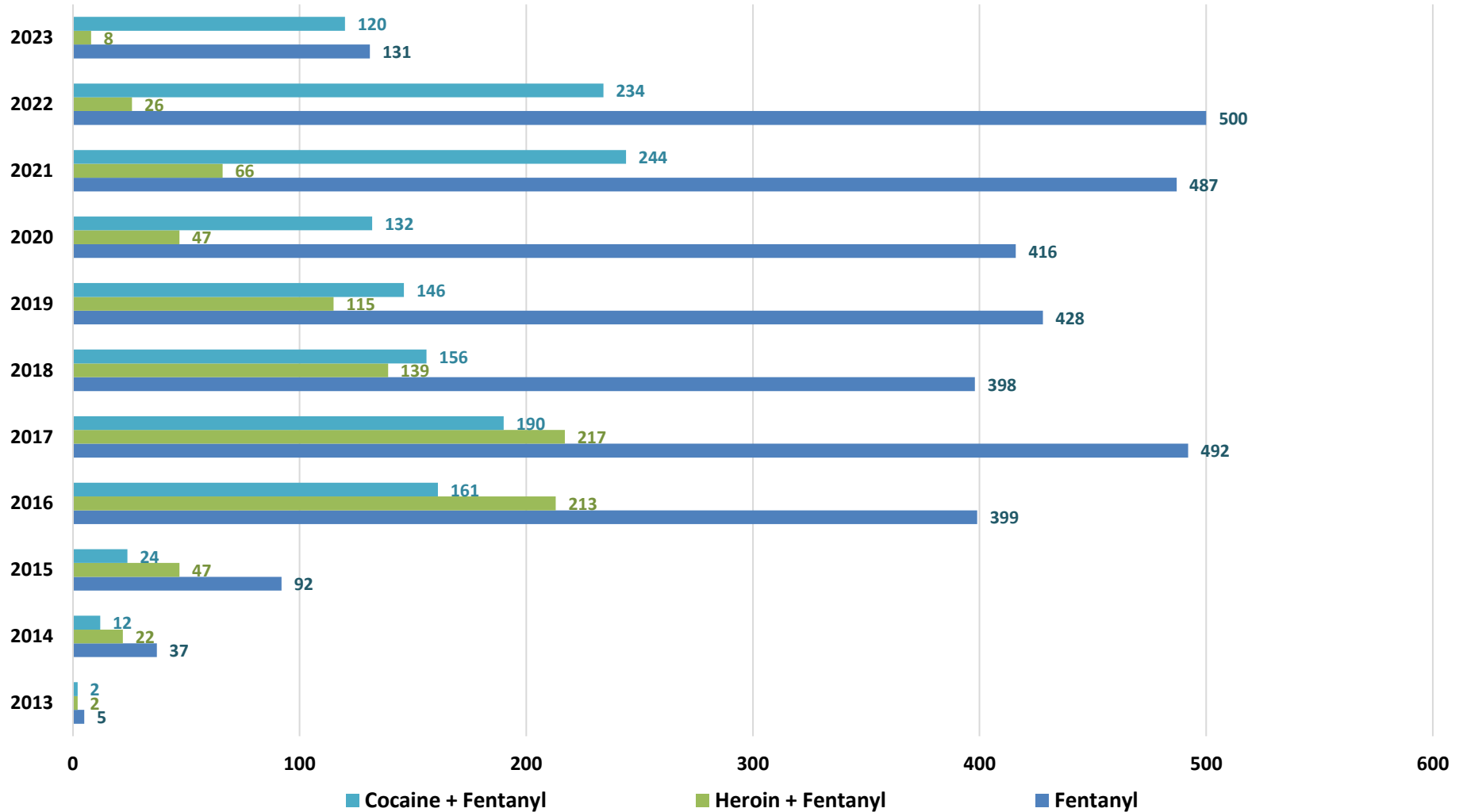
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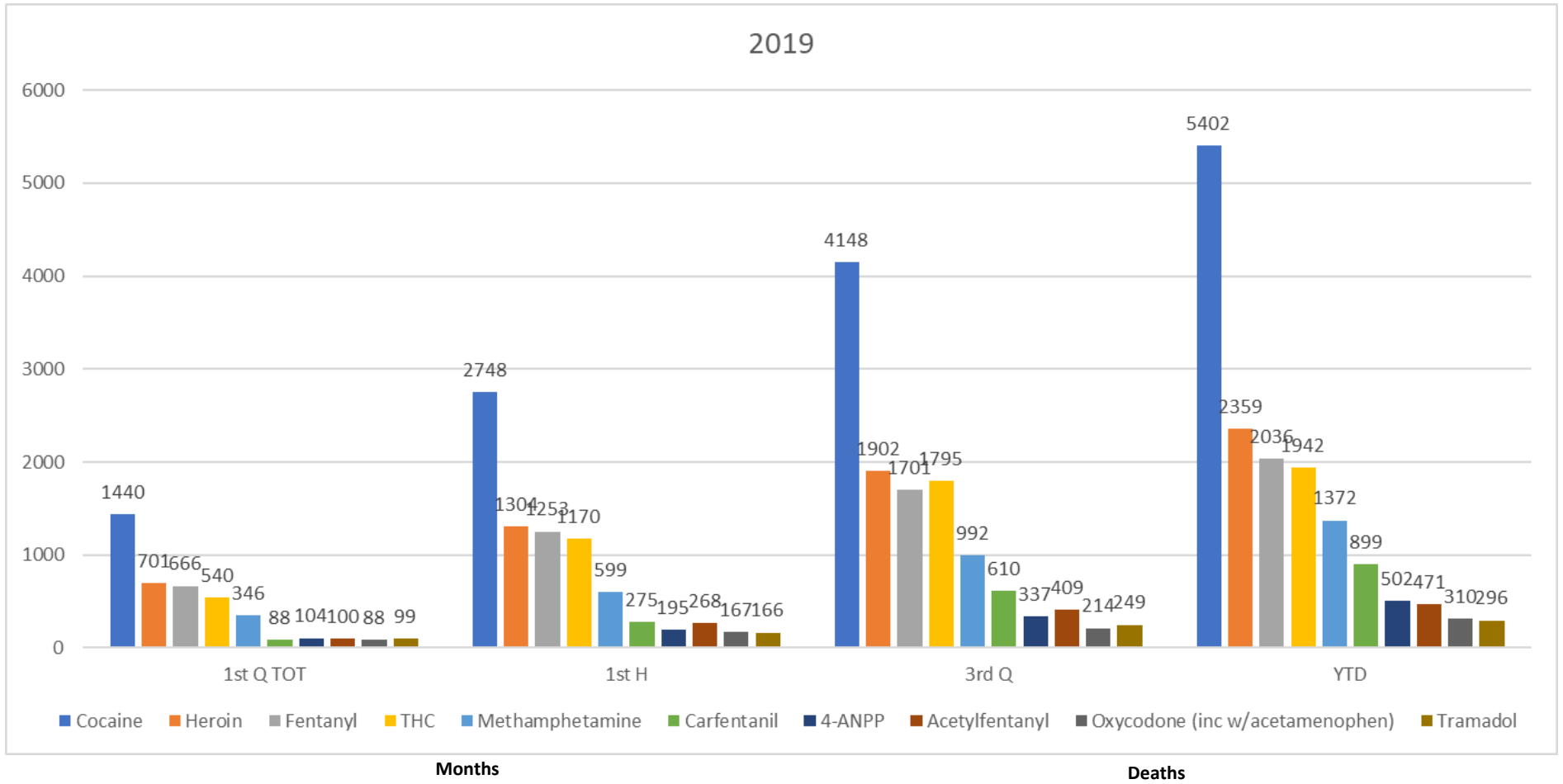
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023* (* thru March 31, 2023)



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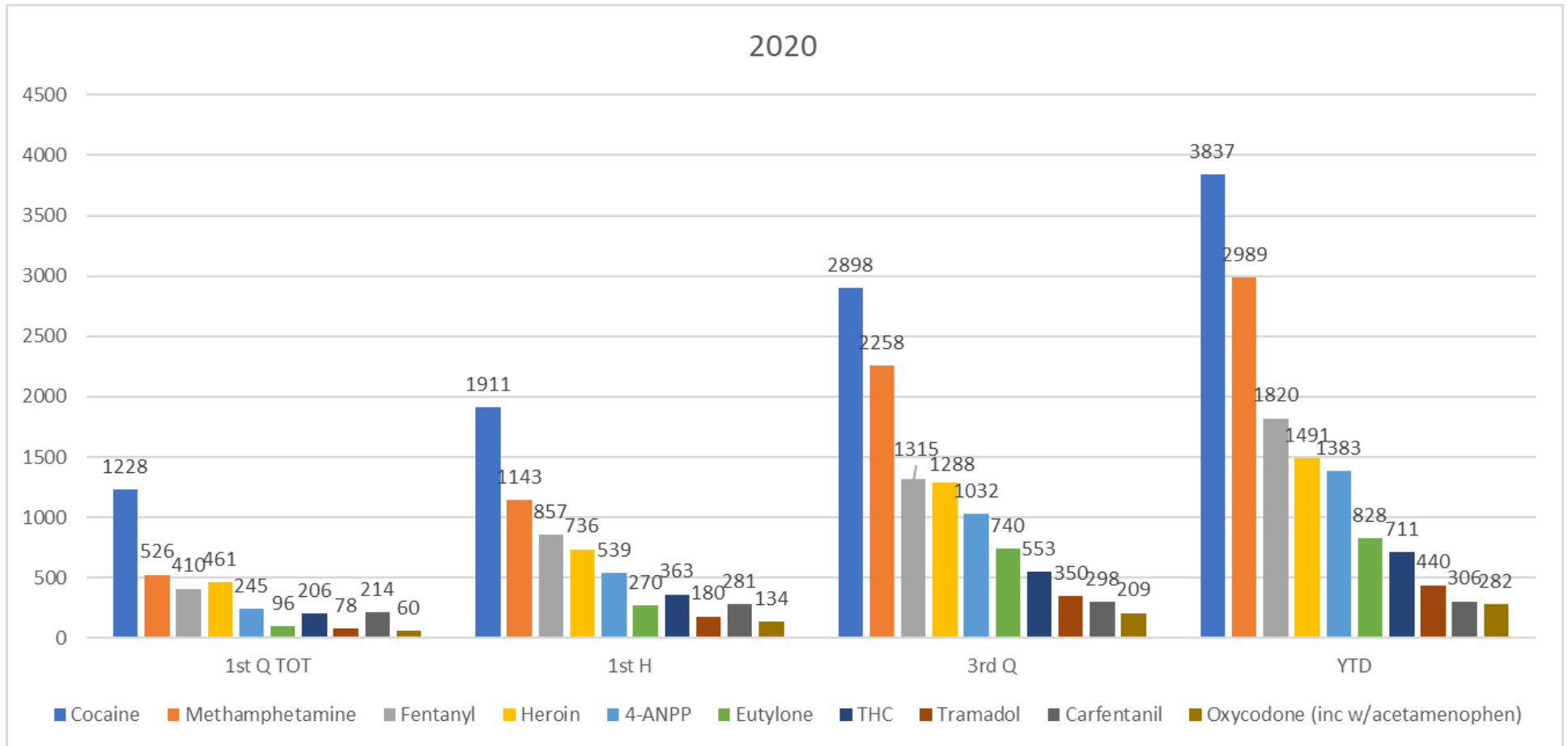
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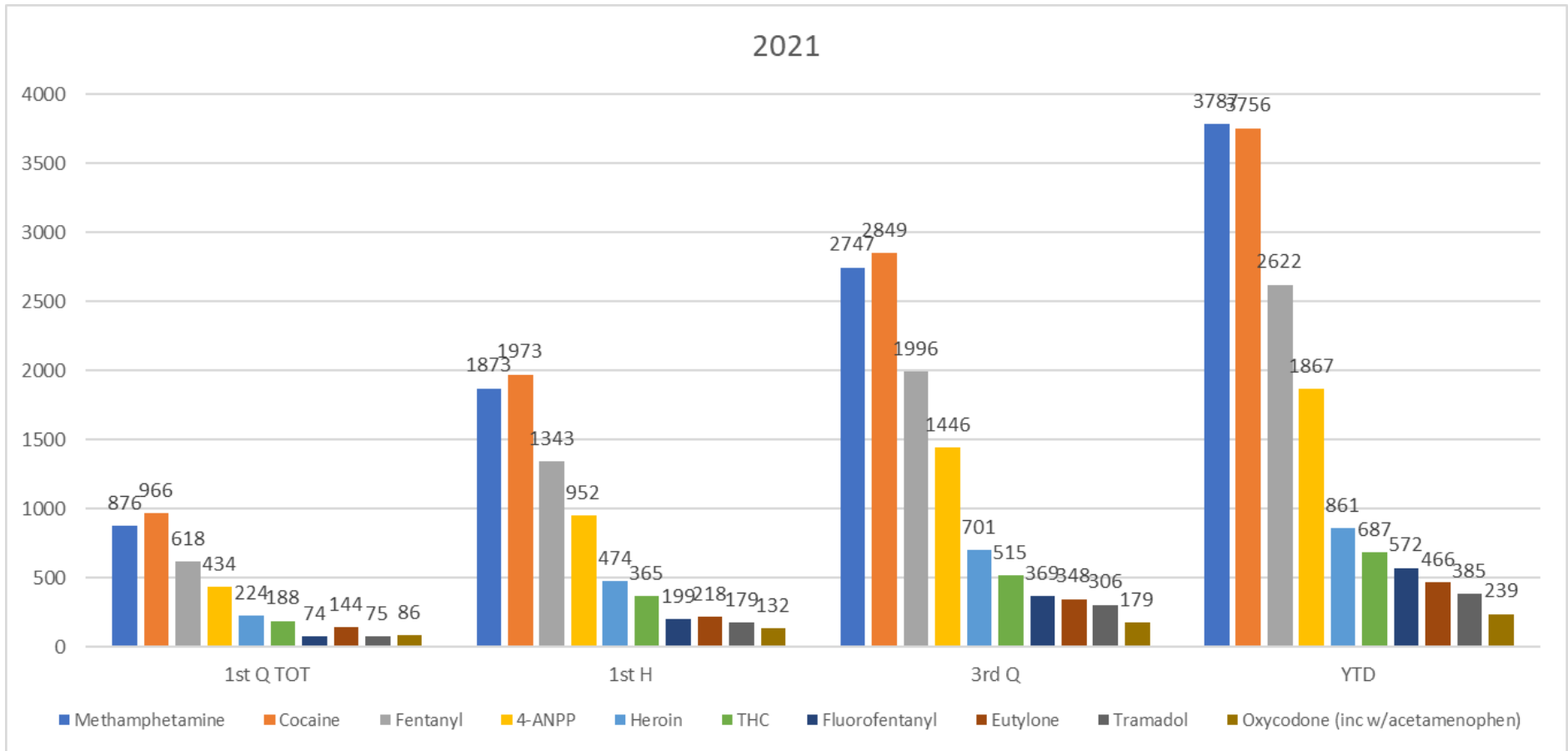
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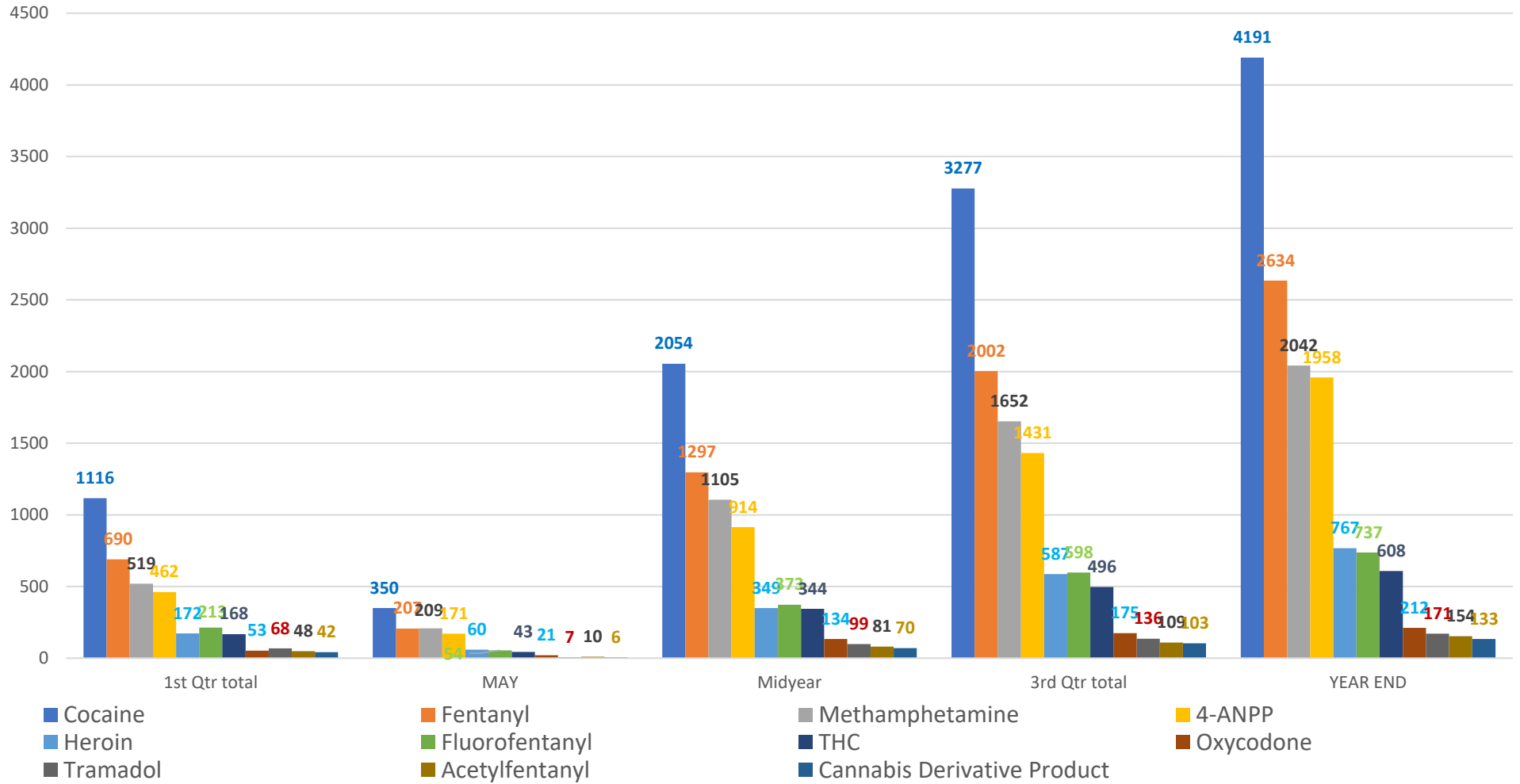


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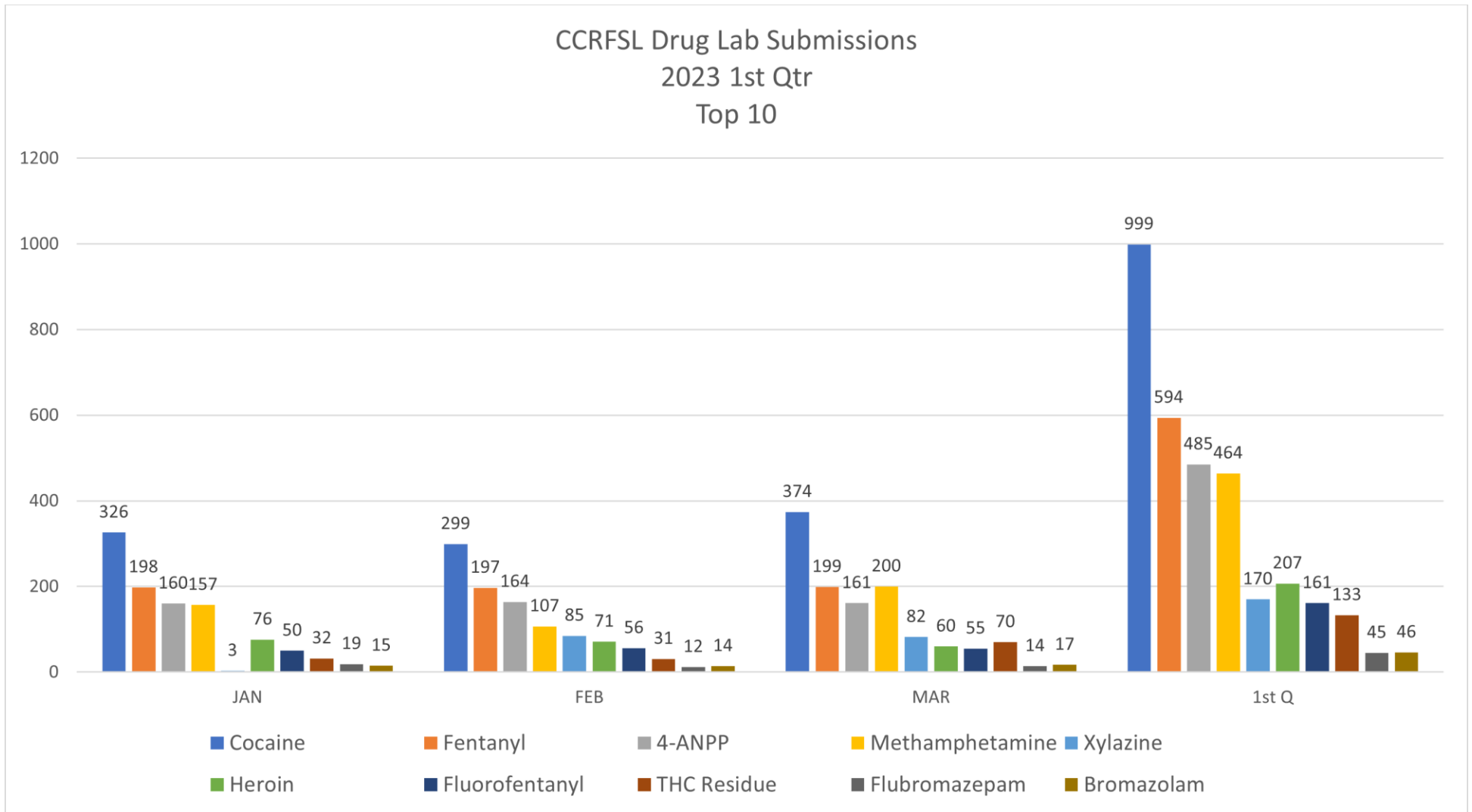
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